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Subject: Protest Update #8

Minister, Clerk, DM,

Over the past 24 hours the RCMP has seen an increase in intelligence related to potential support for "Freedom Convoy" style protests. Late this afternoon the information received was that 5 different events were being planned for this Saturday, February 12th. One of these possible protests involved an unknown group of "Freedom Convoy" supporters who may attempt to shut down the border crossing at Emerson and Boissevain/Gretna. There is no online information that can be referenced and the RCMP is currently taking steps to verify whether this is credible or simply community rumours.

I just spoke with the RCMP Criminal Operations Officer who advised at this point they are deeming the information credible, but not verified. He also advised that the timetable originally reported this afternoon may be as early as tomorrow. Again, none of this has been verified. The RCMP is working with CBSA who are developing a joint strategy and will have resources in place tomorrow, including working with our Motor Carrier inspectors. Division Liaison Team members will be engaged as required.

If this begins to develop tomorrow, I will get notified and will send you an update. At this point, I would caution that the information is being treated as credible for police planning purposes, but I would not give anyone confidence that this will actually materialize tomorrow or over the weekend. I would also caution that the act of police asking questions in various communities to attempt to verify the information also has the potential for creating further "corroboration" of this potential event in people's minds. Police are treating this seriously due to the similar events in Alberta and Ontario and are keenly aware of the ongoing situations in those provinces. In short, there is no identified participants in this potential demonstration, nor any verifiable info at this point. If this changes, I will certainly let you know.

Mike